

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 768

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend John Bartee, Sr.  
upon being inducted into the American Gelbvieh  
Association Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is John Bartee, Sr., who was inducted into the American Gelbvieh Association (AGA) Hall of Fame on January 9, 2010, a most befitting recognition of his unsurpassed contributions to the advancement of the cattle industry and the Gelbvieh breed in particular; and

WHEREAS, a band of extraordinary individuals who share the common interests of recording, promoting, and improving Gelbvieh-influenced cattle, the AGA boasts an extensive database containing over one million animals, including approximately 55,000 currently active Gelbvieh cows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bartee has participated in the AGA for many years, serving with the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity on numerous committees, as the Association's president in 2000, and as a founding and active member of the Tennessee Gelbvieh Association; and

WHEREAS, an avid supporter of the American Gelbvieh Junior Association (AGJA), John Bartee, Sr. and his son expertly organized and hosted the first AGJA national junior show east of the Mississippi River in 1995, which resulted in the largest, most successful show of its kind; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bartee has also lent his tremendous talents for the last three years to the AGA Maternal Edge Sale, and, due to his tireless efforts to create a demand for Gelbvieh females, it became one of the most profitable commercial female cow sales in the state; and

WHEREAS, not only is John Bartee, Sr. a dedicated and industrious cattleman, but he is also a positive force for agriculture, working with acumen and alacrity as the Montgomery County Agricultural Extension Director to deliver educational programs and research-based information to farmers, families, and communities throughout the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bartee epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud John Bartee, Sr. for his dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join with the family, friends, and colleagues of John Bartee, Sr. in congratulating him upon his induction into the American Gelbvieh Association Hall of Fame, commend him for his meritorious service to the cattle industry and the state of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.